

dictated the Spanish crown, amid the pomp of half the universe assembled for the solemn act at Brussels. If, then, Mr. Wood should conclude not again to stand as a candidate for the office to which he has already twice been elected, there would remain a pretty equal contest between Mr. Opdyke and Mr. Guthrie, the one the representative of Tammany Hall, and the other of the Republicans, the Union men and the Tax-Payers. In this simplified contest, we cannot help believing that the chances would be very strongly in favor of Mr. Opdyke, particularly since the nomination of Mr. Kerr. Beside, without any disparagement of Mr. Guthrie personally, it cannot be disputed that Mr. Opdyke possesses the peculiar qualifications necessary for the office of Mayor of New-York in a degree which few other citizens can be thought to equal.

Mr. Opdyke has addressed the following letter to the President of the Republican Convention by which he was nominated for the Mayorship:

"New-York, Nov. 21, 1861.

"DEAR SIR: When the Convention over which you presided honored me with its choice as a candidate for Mayor, I asked time to deliberate on the propriety of accepting the proffered nomination. Before deciding the question, I desired to know whether its choice would be generally acceptable to those who are earnestly seeking reform in the City Government; for I felt unwilling to place myself in a position which might defeat their desire, by preventing united efforts in behalf of some other candidate. Since then, however, your choice has been sanctioned by three other highly respectable Conventions, emanating respectively from the People's Union, the German Republicans, and the Taxpayers' and Citizens' Union.

"Under this concurrence of action, I do not feel at liberty to decline the nomination so generously tendered.

"You will therefore be pleased to make my acceptance known to the Convention, and at the same time give my assurance that, if elected, my best efforts shall be exerted in behalf of the interests, the honor, and the welfare of the city.

"With great respect, your obedient servant,

"GEORGE OPDYKE."

"This will be perfectly satisfactory to the truly patriotic citizens of New-York. Let them put their hands to the work of electing the candidate and reforming the municipal administration.

"Every one who knows George Opdyke is aware that he has always proved himself an efficient and uncompromising antagonist of every form of official corruption. He is thus the proper man to undertake the task of purifying the City Hall. For this very reason, he is likely to be opposed by all who love the flesh-pots of public plunder; but no man who desires an honest and energetic administration of the City Government can consistently withhold from him his cordial and zealous support.

INTENDED RECEPTION OF GEN. FREMONT BY THE GERMANS.

The following call has appeared in the German papers:

JOHN C. FREMONT.

The removal of John C. Fremont has awakened an outburst of dissatisfaction among the majority of the Northern people, especially the Germans, which no abuse of the gentleman who stands at the head of the Administration can suppress.

The chief complaints against Fremont are: Firstly, that he wishes to appoint by war the cause of the war; and secondly, that he has given foreigners, particularly Germans, a honorable position in his Staff. The other complaints alleged are so false or so ridiculous that it is not worth while to make any further allusion to them. Fremont has, therefore, earned because he is for freedom, not in mere form alone, but in his real essence, and because he has thought foreigners—Germans—worthy to do battle for his end, Fremont is removed.

The German citizens of St. Louis have shown that the arbitrary decree of a weak Administration may, indeed, remove the military commander, but not the man of the People.

The undersigned believe that the free-minded Germans of New-York hold the same views. Hence, they have resolved to call together a mass meeting of Germans for the purpose of expressing the opinions of the German element in relation to Fremont. Time and place will be publicly announced hereafter.

Gen. Fremont is shortly expected in the city, and the Germans propose giving him a grand reception with music, torches, and banners. Meetings have been held in different parts of the city, at which speeches have been made endorsing the course of Gen. Fremont. Preparations are in progress for a great public mass meeting, to take place before or after his arrival.

A Committee of eleven, consisting of Messrs. Kessman, Anfermann, Knapp, Dulon, Willmann, Kopp, Rosel, Friedmann, Goetz, Eulenberg, and Kuemper, will wait upon Gen. Fremont immediately on his arrival at the Astor House.

OUR GLORIOUS THREE HUNDRED.

We have received the following letters in response to the suggestion that a fitting testimonial be presented to the survivors of the charge made by the Glorious Three Hundred of Fremont's Body-Guard at Springfield, Mo.:

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: Please add the \$2 herewith inclosed to the fund for the benefit of Fremont's Body-Guard, as suggested by a correspondent in your Journal to-day. I shall be glad to contribute to a fund for a testimonial to be presented to the heroic commander whose name they bear—the victim of a malicious persecution.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1861.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: I enclose \$1 for the fund to present testimonial to the members of the Fremont Body-Guard. I agree with your correspondent in to-day's issue that in glorious exploit seems likely to be worse than forgotten to our shame.

Your obedient servant,

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 1861.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: I have noticed with much pleasure an article in this morning's Tribune relating to the charge of the Fremont Body-Guard at Springfield, Mo. As this is by far the most brilliant military exploit performed in this war, and one which should certainly be remembered with some fitting memorial by those who appreciate their gallant action. I inclose my dollar.

Respectfully,

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1861.

—Among the arrivals yesterday are ex-Secretary of the Navy Isaac Toucey of Connecticut, and Capt. D. D. Porter of the Navy, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel; Lieut. Worden of the Navy, at the St. Denis; Capt. Moultrie of the British steamer Niagara, at the New-York; Gov. Sprague of Rhode Island, Senators Hale of New-Hampshire and Pomeroy of Kansas, at the Astor; Dr. McKee of the Army, Col. Winslow of the New-York Volunteers, Gen. French of the Army, at the Metropolitan; Hon. C. B. Culvert, M. C. from Maryland, Capt. Keyser and Hager, at the St. Nicholas.

## THE WAR FOR THE UNION.

### BALLOON RECONNOISSANCES

Operations of a Strong Reconnoitering Force.

### PONTOON BRIDGE BUILDING.

Mechanical Efficiency of the N. Y. 15th.

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The Disaster to the Brooklyn 14th.

### THE FIELD ARMAMENT OF THE POTOMAC ARMY.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.

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